

Public Safety Branch
Fire Group
Fire Medical Series

FIRE MEDIC

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General Summary

Under direction, as a Fire Medical Services team member on an assigned shift, respond as dispatched to provide victims of acute illness or injury basic or advanced emergency medical care as qualified and transportation to designated medical facilities, and perform related in-field, communications or training functions as required.

Typical Duties

Perform assigned field EMT-Intermediate duties, if locally certified or credentialed. Involves: Perform specialized emergency medical care as instructed or approved by a coordinating physician including invasive procedures such as venipuncture and respiration management techniques, such as insertion of advanced alternative airway, application and monitoring of a Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment (P.A.S.G.), administration of intravenous fluids and approved medications. Act as senior crew member and direct operations and functions of an ambulance and its crew in the absence of a Fire Paramedic, if delegated.

Perform assigned field Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Basic duties. Involves: Assist in ascertaining nature and extent of illness, injury or catastrophe, and in rendering standard emergency medical care using modern techniques within prescribed departmental protocols such as to check pulse and blood pressure, control bleeding, dress wounds, apply splints, administer oxygen and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), immobilize patients when stabilizing them, and otherwise treat signs and symptoms of ordinary trauma and medical complaints as indicated. Operate radio or telephone equipment to establish and maintain contact with dispatcher, and with physician or other medical personnel to advise of patients' conditions, obtain further treatment instructions and arrange for reception of patients at treatment facility. Remove or assist in removing victims from accident or emergency scene. Drive or ride specialized rescue vehicle to emergency medical call locations as instructed by dispatcher and convey patients to specifies medical treatment facility. Assist in controlling crowds and protecting valuables.

Perform assigned support duties such as communications general training. Involves: Engage in call taking and triage, dispatching, computer operation, mapping, or special projects as directed by a dispatch supervisor. Assist in training classes and programs, and make minor training equipment repairs as directed by the Training Chief.

Under general supervision, engage in assigned fire fighting and prevention activities as qualified, if necessary. Involves: Respond to fire alarms with a company. Lay and connect hose. Hold nozzles and direct fog chemical or water streams. Raise and climb ladders. Use chemical lines and extinguishers. Forcibly enter buildings. Ventilate burning buildings. Evacuate persons from danger. Hold life nets. Perform salvage operations. Participate in fire drills. Attend training classes Perform general fire station maintenance work. Make minor property and equipment repairs. Wash, hang and dry hoses. Maintain, test and operate firefighting equipment and apparatus as required. Keep informed of fire hydrant locations, water system layouts, city streets and buildings. Investigate fire causes and make routine inspections of buildings and immediate surroundings for fire hazards. Observe compliance with the fire code and regulations. Note conditions constituting hazards and recommend corrections and re-inspect for compliance. Report fire code violations.

Perform miscellaneous related duties such as general training those of absent co-workers to ensure continuity of operations. Involves: Prepare activity reports, complete forms and maintain accurate records including patient medical information, training and public education information, run and vehicle maintenance logs. Maintain unit medical supply inventory, perform preventative maintenance and safety checks of vehicle and emergency equipment. Perform station or vehicle cleaning or maintenance duties as necessary including general cleanup, mopping, sweeping, yard work or other maintenance tasks. Attend periodic training to enhance skills, obtain and maintain certification.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

- Considerable knowledge of emergency medical procedures and protocols such as advanced and basic life support, CPR and other patient care techniques, and occupational hazards and safety precautions.
- Good knowledge of City geography, landmarks and streets.
- Some knowledge of departmental policies, rules and regulations.
- Some knowledge of fire suppression methods practices and techniques, firefighting equipment operation, and fire extinguishing chemicals.
- Some knowledge of personal computers and software applications.
- Some knowledge of customer relations or public service principles and practices.
- Ability to read, understand and interpret oral, written or complex technical information to assist in evaluating patient

medical condition and provide emergency medical treatment. .

- Ability to react quickly and calmly under extremely stressful conditions and make sound judgments in emergency situations following established procedures and carrying out physician orders with precision to select and apply suitable emergency treatment using specialized equipment and apparatus.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with medical personnel, supervisors, employees and the public.
- Ability to clearly and concisely communicate both orally and in writing.
- Skill in safe operation and care of a large specialized rescue vehicles, emergency medical equipment, communications equipment, and personal computer and related software.

Other Job Characteristics

- Frequent driving through city traffic under normal and emergency conditions
- Frequent exposure to various weather conditions and dangerous situations on emergency calls such as hostility and undiagnosed diseases.
- Occasional moving of very heavy objects (100 pounds or more) such as to lift and carry injured persons.
- Occasional climbing, lying down, stooping, kneeling and bending.

Minimum Qualifications

Education and Experience: Graduation from High School or G.E.D and six (6) months full time experience assisting or supporting medical practitioners to provide patient care.

Licenses and Certificates: Texas Class "C" Driver's License or equivalent issued by another state. Possess at time of application and be personally responsible for maintaining while employed in this job class current state and local certification or credentialing at the EMT-Basic level or higher.

Special Requirements:

- Meet applicable state health and safety code requirements and allied administrative regulations.
- Work other than standard workday or work week hours which includes being subject to call-back during non-working hours and mandatory overtime.

Human Resources Director

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